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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS PINT ET

SUBJECT: INCIDENT IN BALE: THE EPMG LINE

REF: ADDIS ABABA 14722 AND PREVIOUS.

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

THE ETHIOPIAN PRESS RELEASE ON SUBJECT INCIDENT FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: RELIEF TEAM WORKERS IN BALE AMBUSHED: A NUMBER OF AN 18-MEMBER TEAM OF NORWEGIAN, BRITISH AND ETHIOPIAN RELIEF WORKERS WERE SLIGHTLY INJURED WHEN A BAND OF UNIDENTIFIED CRIMINALS AMBUSHED THE TEAM LAST SATURDAY IN BALE ADMINISTRATIVE REGION. DISCLOSING THIS YESTERDAY, A SPOKESMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE

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COUNCIL SAID THE RELIEF TEAM OF THE SAVE THE CHILDREN

FUND WAS TRAVELLING IN A FIVE VEHICLE CONVOY WHEN IT  
WAS AMBUSHED AT GORO DISTRICT BY THE CRIMINALS WHO  
OPENED FIRE AT THE TEAM MEMBERS WITH THE INTENT OF  
LOOTING. MISS JOAN EMMERSON, A 39 YEAR OLD BRITISH  
NURSE, WHO WAS WOUNDED DURING THE INCIDENT, HAS BEEN  
SENT TO LONDON FOR TREATMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. OTHER  
MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE NOW IN ADDIS ABABA, MISS  
EMMERSON HAS SERVED IN ETHIOPIA FOR A YEAR WITH THE SAVE  
THE CHILDREN FUND. THE SPOKESMAN CONDEMNED THIS IN-  
HUMAN ACT OF BRIGANDAGE IN THE NAME OF ALL NEEDY  
CHILDREN IN ETHIOPIA AND SAID IMMEDIATE ACTION HAS BEEN  
TAKEN TO TRACK DOWN THE CRIMINALS. END QUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMENT: ADDRESSES WILL NOTE THAT STATEMENT TERMS  
THIS INCIDENT "AN ACT OF BRIGANDAGE" PERFORMED BY  
"UNIDENTIFIED CRIMINALS." APPARENTLY ETHIOPIANS ARE  
NOT YET CERTAIN OF THE DEGREE, IF ANY, OF SOMALI  
INVOLVEMENT, OR IF SO, HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO MAKE AN  
ISSUE OF IT AS YET. END COMMENT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL  
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